



Sample
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
WINCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2022

James M. Tetreault
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SCHOOL BOARD

THREE YEAR TERM Vote for not more than one

JONI HALE HADLER ☐

JASON SPAULDING ☐

(Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

ARTICLE TWO: Shall the Winchester School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the 2022-2023 school year, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$12,667,870.00. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$12,557,611.00 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Winchester School District or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only?

YES ☐

NO ☐

- The School Board does recommend this appropriation 4-1
- The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation 4-1

ARTICLE THREE: Shall the Winchester School District vote to approve the cost items included in the two year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Winchester School Board and the Winchester's Support Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salaries at the current staffing?

The estimated increase in the costs for wages and benefits under the collective bargaining agreement are as follows:

Year 2022-2023

Wages: \$26,102.00
Benefits: \$1,997.00
Total: \$28,099.00

Year 2023-2024

Wages: \$22,422.00
Benefits: \$1,715.00
Total: \$24,138.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,099.00 for the upcoming fiscal year 2022-2023, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the costs for benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement?

YES ☐

NO ☐

- The School Board does recommend this appropriation 5-0
- The Budget Committee does recommend this appropriation 5-0

ARTICLE FOUR: Shall the Winchester School District, if article #3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address article #3 only? (Majority vote)

YES ☐

NO ☐

- The School Board does recommend this appropriation 5-0

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE FIVE: Shall the Winchester School District approve the cost item resulting from negotiations between the Winchester School Board and the Winchester Support Staff Association related to providing health insurance coverage for members of the bargaining unit and which results in the following benefit costs at the current staffing levels?

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

District cost of single health insurance plan at 85% of premiums: \$121,727.00

District cost of deductible at \$0 per member/per year: \$0.00

Total cost for 2022-2023: \$121,727.00

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

District cost of single health insurance plan at 85% of premiums: \$92,664.00

District cost of deductible at \$0 per member/per year: \$0.00

Total cost for 2023-2024: \$92,664.00

There is no negotiated change in the District share of premiums or deductibles. The only change would be an increase/decrease in the premium rates set by the insurance carrier which cannot be estimated at this time.

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$121,727.00** for the upcoming fiscal year 2022-2023, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the costs for benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement?

YES ☐

NO ☐

• The School Board does recommend this appropriation 4-1

• The Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation 4-1

ARTICLE SIX: Shall the Winchester School District vote to raise and appropriate up to **\$25,000** to be placed in the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund, with such amount to be funded from the June 30, 2022 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020?

YES ☐

NO ☐

• The School Board does recommend this appropriation 5-0

• The Budget Committee does recommend this appropriation 3-2

ARTICLE SEVEN: Shall the Winchester School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$125,000** to be placed in the Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (Majority vote required).

YES ☐

NO ☐

• The School Board does recommend this appropriation 5-0

• The Budget Committee does recommend this appropriation 4-1

ARTICLE EIGHT: Beginning Fiscal Year 2023 until Fiscal Year 2028, the Winchester School District's operating budget cannot increase at a rate higher than the annual inflation rate based on the Social Security COLA (cost of living adjustment) or to exceed an increase of 3.5% from the previous fiscal years operating budget. The Social Security COLA would be snap-shot at the start of the budget update process.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Advisory only

Submitted by Petition

ARTICLE NINE: Shall the Winchester School District receive the reports of its agents, auditors, committees and officers?

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE TEN: Shall the Winchester School District vote to transact any other business as may lawfully come before the meeting?

YES ☐

NO ☐

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